

**REMARKS**

Claims 42-48 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 3, 4, 7-11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 30, 31, 34, 37, 38, and 41 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. The specification has been amended to add the priority information and to correct a translation error in the English translation of the application. Applicants submit that the amendment to the specification is supported by the original Japanese-language filing of the PCT application. No new matter has been added. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled and/or amended claims in this or another application.

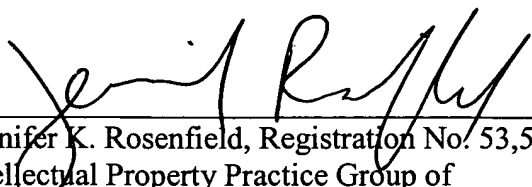
Early consideration and allowance of the present application are requested.

Should the Examiner in this case wish to discuss any of the amendments and/or remarks made herein, the undersigned agent would appreciate the opportunity to do so. Thus the Examiner is hereby invited to call the undersigned, collect at the number shown below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to consider this submission to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Respectfully submitted,

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